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## SYSTEMATIC METHODS

Must be Practiced to Obtain The Best Results in Winning Souls.

Not Only Save But Keep When They Are Saved.

Some may think it does not take system to become spiritual and to delve into the deep things of God. Well, it may not, but I'm afraid where there are no systematic methods practiced there is but little spirituality.

If there is no regular hour for Sunday school, how do the people of the neighborhood know there will be any Sunday school? If there is no regular hour for the preaching service or prayer meeting, how will the people know when to go? If there is no regular time for family devotion it is not likely they will have any.

All of these services are intended for means of grace to assist those who attend in becoming more spiritual. And if there were no system about them those who wish to attend would be kept in such suspense that they would get but little good from trying to attend. They would not know when to go nor the length of time they would be welcome to remain.

When Jesus fed the multitude in the desert place with the five loaves and two fishes He followed a systematic method to accomplish the task. He told the disciples to have the people "sit down by companies upon the green grass." In obedience to His word they had them sit down in ranks of fifty in a rank and a hundred in a rank.

Of course it took a little time to get them all arranged in proper order, but Jesus waited till His orders were obeyed. When all was ready He took the loaves and fishes and after He looked up to heaven and blessed, He broke the bread and fishes and gave to His disciples to pass on to the multitude. They took the bread and fish and supplied rank at a time, until all were filled.

By having them arranged in ranks there was no likelihood of any timid little man being left out. The needs of every one were supplied so they were all fed and filled. Not one overlooked. Not one missed. Every one given equal attention with others. And Jesus kept on multiplying the food and sending it out to the ranks by the disciples until each rank was supplied with more than they needed. They were given an over supply.

After all were filled, Jesus gave orders for the fragments to be gathered up and there was enough left so each disciple got a basket full for himself. This might be considered pay for their service.

Now if Jesus practiced systematic methods to feed the bodies of the multitudes, is it not of vastly more importance to employ systematic methods to feed the souls of the multitudes? While it is no minor thing to feed the body, yet it is of more importance to feed the soul. If the soul is not fed it will die. And God has provided for the feeding of the soul upon that spiritual food that He alone can give, but He employs human agencies through which to dispense it to the multitudes.

We have our regular hours for

services, but there are many that do not attend. They do not get in the ranks in regular order. They miss the soul food that they ought to have. Their souls become lean. They have not been fed because they were not in rank. Temptations come upon them and they are so weakened that they are not able to resist, so they are often snared and taken captive by the devil.

When Paul wrote to the Church at Colosse, he commended them for the systematic methods they employed in their Church work. In his letter he said, "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order." Webster's definition for order in part is, "method or regular arrangement; settled mode of procedure; regulation." In explaining further he uses the expression, "A system." So when we understand Paul's meaning here it is not difficult to see that he was commending the Church for their systematic methods. It was a joy to him to know that they employed systematic methods in the service of the Master.

If it was a pleasure to Paul to know that the Church at Colosse employed systematic methods in the service of God, could it be any less pleasure to our Savior and great Head of the Church for us to put in practice systematic methods to publish the gospel and win souls for Him, as well as to keep them after they have already been won?

Jesus gave us an example of systematic methods when He sent His disciples out to preach. Instead of sending them out in a kind of a promiscuous indefinite manner, He gave them special restrictions, arranged for certain two to go together and sent them to certain places. Such arrangements were made so that only two would go to a place.

At a designated time and place no doubt, the disciples all came to Him and made their reports. They were not only sent away in order, but they also returned in order to make their reports. They "told Him all things, both what they had taught." (Mark 6:30.) Here is an example for us to follow in requiring the ministers to make reports to the overseers at stated times.

This same systematic method is illustrated in the sending forth of the "seventy." They were appointed by the Lord and sent out two and two just like He had sent out the Twelve. It is evident that He told each pair where to go, for the record shows that they were to go "into every city and place, whether he himself would come." (Luke 10:1.) He selected the place where each pair was to go, and such restrictions were given that would keep them from traversing the other's territory. There were to be no conflicts because of a misunderstanding or leaving each pair to go where they pleased, or "where I feel led." He told them where to go before they started, and they knew their territory and their boundary lines. Certain

two would not go where other certain two were instructed to go. Each pair was restricted to certain territory. I draw this conclusion from a general study of the Bible and applying the information to this special occasion.

After a time all of these workers returned and submitted their report. Among other things they told how the devils had been subject to them. They regarded their labors as having been successful. They had followed the instructions of Him that had the rule over them (Heb. 13:17), and He told them now to rejoice because their names were written in heaven.

The thing that I wish to impress here, is, that these seventy returned and gave their reports. There was system about this, both in sending them out and in making their reports when they returned. Jesus, in giving His last commission said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:20.) This was the same as to tell us to follow after the same practices instituted by Him in sending forth His disciples. They were sent, they went to the very places He told them to go, they returned at an appointed time and gave their reports.

If Jesus who is our example used systematic methods in launching the great Church of God in the beginning of the gospel age, then I conclude that systematic methods must be practiced to obtain the best results in winning souls to Christ. The workers must be sent forth into certain places. Their fields of labor must be designated so there will not several go to the same place and miss other places, but they will be so placed that there will be no intrusion on the territory of another. This is the very system authorized by the Assembly.

Another thing noticeable about the system practiced by Jesus and His disciples was the financial question. When He sent out the Twelve He was careful to tell "them that they should take nothing for their journey save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse." (Mark 6:8.) The same as to say, you are working for me, I will pay your bills. You need not have any concern about your support. How much different from the common way today.

When people are sent out in these days the first thing in many instances is, "What is the prospect for a support?" But He was sending and He would provide for their support. And when they submitted their financial report they said they lacked nothing.

When these disciples went out under the certain restrictions described in the gospel, what did they accomplish? "And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." (Mark 6:12, 13.) And when they returned they had been supported and their expenses had been met. "Lacked ye anything," said Jesus, "And they said, Nothing."

In the Epistle to the Hebrews where special instructions are given to "obey them that have the rule over you," the writer shows that there are certain ones designated to watch for the souls of certain others. This conclusion is not overdrawn. Ezekiel was set as a watchman over Israel. Peter was charged by the Lord to strengthen the

brethren. Sister Phebe had certain responsibilities upon her and had been a help to many. The elders were to have the oversight of certain others. (1 Peter 5:1, 2.)

According to the instructions given at Heb. 13:17, these caretakers, who are watching over others are to give reports of their work. This indicates system and order again. The record reads, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account (must make a report,) that they may do it with joy, and not with grief." The writer here insists that those under the care of others should be good and act upon the advice and instructions of those who are watchers over them so when they make their reports it will be a joy to report good things of those in their care. When, on the other hand, if their charges should be disloyal to the Church, and rebellious when talked to by those over them, it would be a grief to report such rebellion and disloyalty.

The special feature about this verse that I wish to emphasize at this time is that of denoting systematic methods which must be practiced to obtain the best results in not only saving but keeping them saved after they are saved. This verse indicates oversight and care-taking, rulership and submission, and giving account or making reports of the way each individual is getting along. In finishing up the verse the writer shows that when an unfavorable report is turned in it will not do the disbeliever and disloyal subject any good. This also indicates that when the watchers can turn in a good report concerning an individual it will result in good to that individual. If it is unprofitable to have a bad report given, then I conclude it is profitable when a good report can be given. But whether good or bad it appears that the watchers must give account.

It is our duty to make the very best out of the little time we have here in this world. We must work hard, to accomplish what must be done before Jesus comes. And we cannot afford to be working in a kind of a blind-fold way that may show in the judgment that we have been working against one another, and therefore hindering instead of helping. There is such a thing as working, and working hard, too, and finding out at the judgment we have been working in the wrong way. Sad indeed will be the day to find our works burned up because we have not worked in the right way. (1 Cor. 3:12-15.)

I conclude that if there are systematic methods to be employed to be the most successful in soul-winning, there are surely systematic methods, which, if put in practice, will be the means of keeping saved those who have been won. And this is one of the important things now. We are losing too many from our ranks. It is true we are not losing a great number, but the few we are losing are too many. We do not want to lose any, and if there is some method yet undiscovered that will enable us to hold all we get we would like to find it. Souls are worth too much to let them go without special effort on our part to keep them.

There is need of deep spirituality in these last days, and the closer we follow the Bible system in all things the more spiritual we will be. The Scriptures are given for our benefit, and if fol-

## THE HOLY GHOST AND TONGUES

The Real Experience Taught in The Bible, And is For us Now

NO SOUND REASON FOR OBJECTION OR CRITICISM.

The Holy Ghost is a real living, moving, talking being. The Bible bears me out in this statement. If it did not I would be far from making it. Many people seem to think the Holy Ghost is a kind of an influence like the wind and that He can neither talk nor walk. But such an understanding is wrong.

In these last days when the Holy Ghost is being poured out upon the multitudes people are learning more about Him. They see His power demonstrated until many are convinced that He can talk as well as any others. Many have learned this by experience and observation as well as from the reading of the Bible.

The Holy Ghost has had His part in the great principle described by the Bible from the very beginning. He "moved upon the face of the waters" while "the earth was without form and void." (Gen. 1:2.) All through the prophetic ages He was performing His office work in working with the prophets. In giving information concerning this, Peter says, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:21.) While the one hundred and twenty tarried in the upper room waiting for the promise of the Father "Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples and said, \*\*\* Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas." (Acts 1:16.)

This Scripture shows that the Holy Ghost talked. "Which the Holy Ghost spake concerning Judas." Away back in David's day the Holy Ghost talked, and He talked about Judas. He said that Judas would come to a bad end. He talked through David's mouth, but it was the Holy Ghost doing the talking. People think we have discovered something new when we say the Holy Ghost talks, but Peter affirms that as far back as David's time the Holy Ghost talked through the mouth of David. I do not see why people think it such an incredible thing for the Holy Ghost to talk through us now, when He has been accustomed to talking through people from the beginning.

The Holy Ghost and tongues are special themes of the New Testament Scriptures. Much more so than the Old, but the Old is not without its witnesses as we have shown above. Commencing with the very first chapter of Matt. the Holy Ghost is mentioned. Jesus gave His disciples special information about Him, and told them that He Himself must go away so the Holy Ghost could come, and that when He came He would talk. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit (Holy Ghost) of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of

himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." (John 16:13.) To dwell upon this verse, it is easy to see that when the Holy Ghost comes He will talk. This verse says that what ever He hears that will He speak. It says it will be that way when the Holy Ghost comes. Then we have Scripture proof in this verse that when the Holy Ghost comes into a person to dwell He can hear as well as speak, and will speak what He hears. In a verse in the previous chapter Jesus says that when the Holy Ghost comes He will testify. There is not much difference between testifying and speaking. If a person testifies he usually speaks. But Jesus did not say what kind of language He would use when He came. He said He would talk, but did not give a clear understanding as to what He would say except He would glorify Jesus.

The way we know about the other tongues is by the description given by Luke in his history of the outpouring on the day of Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost," says Luke, "and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4.) If there were nothing more given in the Bible about tongues than this, it would be sufficient grounds for believing in the Holy Ghost and tongues. Here is the real experience taught in the Bible, and is for us today. No sound reason for objection or criticism.

But this is not the only place mentioned where the Holy Ghost and tongues operated together. When Peter visited Cornelius at the town of Caesarea, he began to tell the people that were gathered to hear him, all about the plan of salvation as instituted by Jesus, but before he got through, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word, and the next thing that follows in the record is that they were all talking in tongues. (Acts 10: 6.)

Another similar incident is told by Luke. This time he says Paul is the preacher. When Paul came to these people they had never heard of the Holy Ghost and talking in tongues. It is not stated that Paul told them anything about the tongues, but He told them about Jesus and the Holy Ghost and when certain conditions were met, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they began to talk in tongues. (Acts 19:6)

When the Holy Ghost fell upon the people in those days the tongues always followed immediately. It is the very same today. When people are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire they always talk with other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance. There are no exceptions. If they do not talk in tongues they do not have the Holy Ghost. The real experience is taught in the Bible, and is for us now, and many thousands of good people can testify to the truthfulness of it.

The Church of God stands firmly for this doctrine, and the teaching cannot be overthrown. Jesus commanded His disciples to tarry until they received the

lowed will make us perfect and ready for the rapture. Paul describes the standard in the following language: "That he might present it (the Church) to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:27.)

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 is now ready. Price post-  
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One brother was so delighted  
 with the Evangel being enlarged  
 at he sent \$1.25 for his renew-

The Bible School closed this  
 week and the students have de-  
 parted, some to their homes and  
 others to the field to engage in  
 meetings.

As the clocks all over the U. S.  
 have been moved forward one  
 hour, it is necessary that we ad-  
 just ourselves to the new time to  
 prevent mistakes and collisions.

Many of our evangelists are pre-  
 paring now to pitch their tents and  
 start their tent meetings. This  
 is right, and we earnestly pray  
 that God will make this a year  
 of great activity in soul saving.

For some cause the number of  
 subscriptions and renewals drop-  
 ped off a little last week. I hope  
 our friends will not relinquish  
 their efforts since the paper is  
 enlarged. The increase in size  
 adds to the expense and it will  
 require more subscriptions to pay  
 the bills.

John Dehner of Covington, Ky.,  
 is head of a mission in that  
 city, and with whom we have  
 been in correspondence for some  
 time, has turned over to the  
 Church of God, with all of his  
 mission people. He now requests  
 that some of our ministers visit  
 and lend him some assistance.

The last word I had from Broth-  
 er Slay of Pritchard, Ala., stated  
 that he was ready for the Church  
 and wanted to be accepted as  
 soon as possible. He is head of a  
 large mission at Mobile, Ala.,  
 and means a strong Church at  
 Mobile as soon as matters can be  
 developed and the organization  
 completed.

A number of congregations of  
 Pentecostal people in Franklin  
 County, Ala., are on the verge of ac-  
 cepting the Church of God.  
 This will mean some more good  
 teachers and workers to help  
 win the battle along. We hope  
 soon to have the arrangements  
 completed and the joy of the  
 Lord flowing, because the Lord's  
 people are coming to Zion with  
 gladness and everlasting joy on  
 their heads.

Brother E. D. Hopkins is elat-  
 ed with the prospects of a church  
 at Danville, Va., soon. He is en-  
 gaged in a meeting there now  
 and much interest is manifested  
 in the church as well as salva-  
 tion. Of course all the true

sheep will come to the beautiful  
 Church of God, and no doubt  
 there are many sheep in that  
 city. God is giving Brother  
 Hopkins much liberty and suc-  
 cess in the meeting there.

Another minister from the  
 Mountain Assembly is looking  
 this way. From what we can  
 learn he is true blue, and of  
 course we will give him a hearty  
 welcome. No doubt this will in-  
 fluence others to come, and I see  
 no reason why all of the Lord's  
 children should not be "fitly  
 joined together and compacted  
 by that which every joint sup-  
 plieth, according to the effectual  
 working in the measure of every  
 part, maketh increase of the  
 body." Come on brethren we  
 will do you good.

We would like to again ex-  
 press our gratitude and appre-  
 ciation to our friends who are  
 laboring so faithfully for the  
 Evangel. We are not able to  
 remunerate them with money  
 for their services, but surely God  
 will reward them which will be  
 much better. We have not yet  
 reached the ten thousand mark,  
 but we are still climbing slowly.  
 For the past three weeks we have  
 been sending out about eight  
 thousand copies, and we hope to  
 have a marked increase at once.  
 We can surely gain two thousand  
 in a very little time if each sub-  
 scriber will do something. If  
 you find a subscription blank in  
 your paper it only means that we  
 say, Please get up a few sub-  
 scribers in your neighborhood.  
 And if you do not find this sub-  
 scription blank we wish to say  
 kindly, Please represent the pa-  
 per in your locality and get up a  
 nice list of subscriptions. If the  
 paper is good for you, you surely  
 ought to try to divide the good  
 things it contains with your  
 friends. I would like to humble  
 myself at the feet of every sub-  
 scriber and say, Please try to get  
 at least one new subscriber, and  
 help us extend the message of  
 love that goes forth in this white  
 winged messenger every week.  
 Send for copies to hand out.

## Special Notice.

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 Tenn., wishes to locate the fol-  
 lowing named persons and get a  
 hearing from them:

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 Edwards, Mary Robinson, Johanna  
 Robinson, Lennie McDonald,  
 Hattie Lawson, Eb. M. Gee,  
 Cleat Norman, B. W. Epps,  
 Queen Elizabeth Epps.

Any information that will as-  
 sist us in locating these parties  
 will be greatly appreciated.

By order of the Church,  
 Jesse Hughes, clerk.

## Importance Of Sound Doctrine.

Does it matter what one be-  
 lieves so long as he is sincere?  
 Yes. "God hath from the be-  
 ginning chosen you to salvation  
 through sanctification of the Spir-  
 it and belief of the truth."—  
 2 Thes. 2:13. Truth leads to  
 God, error to death and destruc-  
 tion.

No one would think of saying,  
 "It matters not what god one  
 serves so long as he is sincere,  
 or what road he travels so long  
 as he thinks he is right." The  
 wise man says, "There is a way  
 that seemeth right unto a man,  
 but the end thereof are the ways  
 of death."—Proverbs 14:12. Je-  
 sus says, "I am the way."—  
 John 14:6. If any man will do  
 his will he shall know of the  
 doctrine whether it be of God.—  
 John 7:17. So this leaves the  
 sincere without an excuse. (Web-  
 ster defines sincere as honest;  
 real.) Anything out of harmony  
 with the Bible is not sound doc-  
 trine.

Take heed unto thyself, and  
 unto the doctrine; continue in  
 them: for in doing this thou  
 shalt both save thyself and them  
 that hear thee.—1 Tim. 4:16.  
 Would it be out of order to say

that if we do not take heed to  
 sound doctrine we shall be lost?  
 Then how important is sound  
 doctrine!

"All Scripture is given by in-  
 spiration of God and is profitable  
 for doctrine."—2 Tim. 3:16.  
 The Bible is the test of sound  
 doctrine. Whatever does not  
 harmonize with it is not sound  
 doctrine and is not to be re-  
 ceived.

Paul in writing to the Epe-  
 sians says, "That we henceforth  
 be no more children, tossed to  
 and fro and carried about with  
 every wind of doctrine, by the  
 sleight of men and cunning craft-  
 iness, whereby they lie in wait  
 to deceive." "Whosoever trans-  
 gresseth and abideth not in the  
 doctrine of Christ hath not God.  
 He that abideth in the doctrine  
 of Christ, he hath both the Father  
 and the Son."—2 John 9. "There  
 were false prophets also among  
 the people, even as there shall be  
 false teachers among you, who  
 privily shall bring in damnable  
 heresies, even denying the Lord  
 that bought them, and bring up-  
 on themselves swift destruction.  
 And many shall follow their per-  
 nicious ways; by reason of whom  
 the way of truth shall be evil  
 spoken of."—2 Peter 2:1, 2.

Sound doctrine is very impor-  
 tant; all others are hurtful and  
 will bring swift destruction.  
 [Unfortunately the name of the  
 writer was misplaced in the  
 office.]

## Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not  
 misunderstand. We now have  
 the new certificate forms ready  
 and according to the ruling of  
 the last Assembly it will be  
 necessary for all the Evangelists  
 to have their credentials re-  
 newed.

## DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the  
 central office we will call them  
 in by sections. Please do not  
 send until your section is called.  
 The first section will include all  
 west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists  
 of the Church of God now labor-  
 ing west of the Mississippi river,  
 that on and after the fifth day of  
 February 1918, your old creden-  
 tials are declared null and void,  
 and, therefore, you are hereby  
 authorized to send your old creden-  
 tials to the principle office at  
 Cleveland, Tenn., to have them  
 replaced with new ones that are  
 good for 1918.

## SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:  
 Be it known to all Evangelists  
 now laboring in the state of  
 Alabama that on and after Feb-  
 ruary 15 your old credentials are  
 declared null and void and you  
 are hereby authorized to send  
 same to the head office at Cleve-  
 land, Tenn., for renewal.

## THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:  
 Be it known to all the Evan-  
 gelists, now laboring in Louisiana,  
 Mississippi and Georgia, that on  
 and after February 25 your old  
 credentials are declared null and  
 void and you are hereby au-  
 thorized to send same to the  
 head office at Cleveland, Tenn.,  
 for renewal.

## FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.  
 Be it known to all the Evan-  
 gelists whose church membership  
 is in Florida, North Carolina,  
 and South Carolina, that on and  
 after March 25, 1918, your old  
 credentials are declared null and  
 void, and you are hereby au-  
 thorized to send same to the  
 head office at Cleveland, Tenn.,  
 for renewal.

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 will call in at this time. The bal-  
 ance in any state or territory  
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AND TONGUES

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Holy Ghost, and told them to  
 teach others to observe the very  
 same thing. We have the ex-  
 perience like they had it. Jesus  
 said, "Teaching them to observe  
 all things whatsoever I have  
 commanded you." (Math. 28:20.)  
 And this includes the Holy Ghost  
 and tongues.

If our critics only knew the  
 blessedness of being so yielded  
 to God that the Holy Ghost  
 would take possession and talk  
 through them with no effort on  
 their part, they surely would not  
 be critics any longer. They  
 would join our ranks and try to  
 get others to obtain the same  
 beautiful experience. Really  
 there is no sound reason for ob-  
 jection or criticism.

We must hasten on to the ends  
 of the earth with the glad mes-  
 sage and tell them about the  
 Holy Ghost, and those who ac-  
 cept the teaching and obtain the  
 experience and are baptized  
 with the Holy Ghost will talk  
 in other tongues.

## Sebring, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family:

I want to praise God for the  
 precious blood of Jesus Christ  
 that was spilled on Calvary's  
 cross that we might be free from  
 the awful curse of sin.

I am so glad that one time I  
 began to wake up to the fact  
 that Jesus is coming back to  
 earth again to catch away the  
 ones who are ready to go. I be-  
 gan searching the pages of God's  
 eternal truth and, beloved, I  
 found that I must live above sin  
 365.25 days in the year.

How I do praise God because  
 He saw fit to save a sinner like  
 me. I thought I was plenty  
 good enough just like I was, but  
 God showed me that I must be  
 born again, not of the flesh but  
 of the Spirit.

I do long to see Jesus come to  
 catch away His faithful ones.  
 I want to be one of the number  
 that will go to make up the bride  
 of Christ.

Please pray for the work at  
 this place.

Your sister in Christ,  
 Mrs. Edna Durrance.

## Clifty, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have had Brother J. A.  
 Rich, and Brother Taylor Shanks  
 and several of the saints from the  
 Knobs with us in a seven days  
 meeting. The Word was given  
 out with power. Four were  
 saved and sanctified, two re-  
 ceived the Holy Ghost and four  
 were added to the church. I am  
 praising God for true soldiers  
 of the cross.

Saints, please pray for us that  
 we shall be led by the Spirit of  
 God and always be found in the  
 center of His will.

Your brother in Christ,  
 R. T. Brown.

## Louisville, Ky.

Dear Evangel Family:

Praise God! I am a living  
 witness for Jesus. I praise Him  
 for saving, sanctifying and bap-  
 tizing me with the Holy Ghost  
 and fire.

The Lord has healed my body  
 many times also my children,  
 for which I praise His precious  
 name.

I want to do all I can for my  
 Savior for He has done so much  
 for me.

I mean to be an overcomer.  
 Please pray for me that God will  
 have His way in my life.

Your sister,  
 M. J. Freeman.

## Notice.

This is to inform our people  
 everywhere that B. B. Ross, now  
 of Graysville Tenn., is no longer  
 a member of the Church of God.  
 He never has been a minister,  
 although he has passed as a  
 preacher when visiting the  
 churches.

By order of the Church in regu-  
 lar conference,  
 Jesse Hughes clerk.

## The Latter Rain Falling in Ohio

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the  
 Evangel Family—Greetings in  
 the Name of our Lord:

While the sun is shedding forth  
 his rays of light and sunshine,  
 and cheering all nature this beau-  
 tiful spring morning, we are  
 praising God for the Son of  
 Righteousness who is shedding  
 forth His glory in our souls and  
 making them all glorious within.

The Lord is blessing and work-  
 ing in Ohio, and the field is open-  
 ing up for the Church of God.  
 She is rising and shining in this  
 State also, and people are coming  
 to her light. Calls are coming  
 in for meetings more than we  
 can fill. How preachers that  
 will preach the full gospel are  
 needed in Ohio!

We, with Brother W. H. Mar-  
 tin of Indiana have just closed a  
 meeting Sunday night at Toledo,  
 Ohio. God blessed and set His  
 seal on the services from the  
 very first, and it was truly won-  
 derful how the Spirit was  
 poured out, and saints rejoiced.  
 The altar was filled with seekers  
 much of the time.

One Sunday afternoon a mes-  
 sage was delivered on the Church  
 of God, and again that night  
 Brother Martin preached on it,  
 and during the altar service the  
 fire was seen by several which  
 was a token of God's presence  
 and approval. Then another  
 night as Brother Martin was  
 preaching the power fell and the  
 glory of the Lord filled the place,  
 and one went to the organ and  
 played heavenly music under the  
 power of the Spirit. Waves of  
 glory and power rolled over the  
 audience until it would remind  
 one of the glory of the Lord that  
 filled Solomon's temple until the  
 priests could not stand to minis-  
 ter.

A sister said she saw a cloud  
 in the room, and another one  
 said she saw three heavenly be-  
 lings in white above the congrega-  
 tion playing instruments, and a  
 brother said he heard a band of  
 music pass over the congregation.  
 That service was truly a foretaste  
 of heaven. It reminds us of  
 Heb. 12, 18—24 where the writer  
 tells us that we have not come to  
 the mount that might be touched,  
 etc. "But ye are come unto  
 Mount Zion, and unto the city of  
 the living God, the heavenly Jeru-  
 salem, and to an innumerable  
 company of angels. To the gen-  
 eral assembly and church of the  
 first born which are written in  
 heaven, and to God the Judge of  
 all, and to Jesus the mediator of  
 the new covenant." The altar  
 call was given and people came  
 forward seeking God.

The revival spirit lasted through-  
 out the entire meeting and souls  
 were saved, and sanctified and  
 twenty-three filled with the Holy  
 Ghost. Twenty-one were added  
 to the Church of God which was  
 set in order the last Sunday of  
 the meeting, and others are yet  
 to come in. God is talking to  
 people in Toledo about His  
 Church, and at John 10, 27, Jesus  
 says, "My sheep hear my voice,  
 and I know them, and they fol-  
 low me."

The meeting was conducted in  
 a Holiness Mission run by Broth-  
 er Mills who has been a Holiness  
 preacher for years, and well  
 known in Toledo and other places.  
 He was one of the first at the al-  
 tar every service tarrying for  
 the Holy Ghost, until one night  
 the power fell and he yielded up  
 and the Holy Ghost came in and  
 testified in other tongues, and he  
 fell to the floor and saw a won-  
 derful vision, and in it he saw  
 the Church of God.

One Sunday night as husband  
 began preaching, a lady in the  
 congregation who had only been  
 to the meeting once before was  
 struck by the mighty power of  
 God, and fell over like one dying.  
 Praise the Lord, she really did  
 die to sin. She said the wall  
 back of husband seemed to divide  
 and move a distance back and  
 Jesus came down where he was

and came walking toward her,  
 and she was afraid until He  
 came and took her by the  
 hands and told her not to be  
 afraid that He forgave her. She  
 said she told him all she ever  
 did, and she told it in other  
 tongues. It has stirred the town  
 of Walbridge which is a few  
 miles from Toledo, and people  
 stopped her on the streets, and  
 called at her home and asked her  
 to tell them of her experience.

No Pentecostal meetings have  
 been held there only last sum-  
 mer when we were there and  
 held a few meetings in one of  
 the homes and Sister Gilbert a  
 member of the U. B. Church  
 there received the Holy Ghost.  
 Since that time others have been  
 convicted and become hungry to  
 be filled with the Holy Ghost.  
 Several received during the  
 meeting in Toledo, and now have  
 their regular meetings, and are  
 hoping to have the Church of God  
 set in order there after their  
 meeting in June.

We begin our next meeting at  
 Marietta, Ohio April 2nd D. V.  
 Pray for the work here.

Your sister in Jesus, watching  
 for His coming,

Mrs. Clyde Haynes,  
 Chillicothe Ohio.

## Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise  
 to God through our little paper  
 for what He has done for me. He  
 has saved, sanctified and filled  
 me with the Holy Ghost.

I also praise the Lord for send-  
 ing Brother Grisan to be our  
 pastor; he surely is a humble  
 servant of God and preaches the  
 whole Word of God rightly  
 divided. We all know that this  
 is the kind of ministers we need,  
 as we look around and see the  
 wheat is ripe, ready for harvest  
 but the laborers few.

I have just come home from  
 helping in a meeting at Middle  
 Creek, about three miles from  
 Oliver Springs, where souls are  
 hungry for the true gospel and  
 are praying clear through to the  
 baptism with the Holy Ghost  
 with the evidence of speaking in  
 other tongues according to  
 Acts 2:4.

Oh! how it makes my heart ache  
 to see old grey-headed men and  
 women at the altar crying out to  
 God for deliverance from sin in-  
 to which they have plunged be-  
 cause of the true gospel being  
 kept hidden from them.

They only have one room in a  
 dwelling house at that place in  
 which to hold services. They  
 want us to pray that the work  
 may be established there so they  
 can have a church. They also  
 want a Sunday school.

While I am writing about the  
 hungry souls the Lord is blessing  
 my soul with His wonderful  
 peace which He said He would  
 give.

I praise Him for His mighty  
 power to heal our bodies and  
 keep us cleansed from all that  
 defiles. Oh! I have not begun  
 to tell half what He is doing for  
 me.

Pray that I shall stay humble  
 at Jesus' feet that He may use  
 me to win precious souls for Him.

Your sister in Christ,  
 Mrs. Tom Aiken.

## Asleep in Jesus.

The eight-year-old son of Har-  
 rison and Roxie Euix of Ages,  
 Ky., was called away March 1,  
 1918. He was trusted in the  
 hands of the Lord and we weep  
 not as those who have no hope,  
 for our loss is heaven's gain.

The funeral had a wonderful  
 effect upon the unsaved. The  
 remains were laid away in the  
 Woods cemetery.

The bereaved ones have the  
 loving sympathy of all.

A friend.



## AN IDEAL CHURCH

SAM. C. PERRY.

"Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27.

An ideal church would be one that measured to the pattern. This is the pattern. We must have a standard, a model or plan to which we are to come.

God has given His ideal in His Word. It outlines the life to be lived, the inner heart, the thoughts, the words, ways and works to be employed. Its relation to God, Satan and the world are laid down. Its aims, conduct and attitude to things of time and eternity are well defined. No man made creed or theory is of any avail. God has not said "Do the best you can," or "Try," but His standard is the requirement, nothing else will do.

Men in their original state are wrong. They cannot right themselves. Their nature is wrong, everything about them is wrong, radically, entirely wrong.

They must be changed, saved, redeemed. For this purpose Jesus Christ has come, that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. Repentance and faith in Him bring it. Full obedience brings the fullness of His life and power.

This is necessary that we may be His that we may be counted among the faithful. Unless we have this spiritual life in us, which means a separation from the ways of sin and the world, we are not qualified for a place with His people. To class ourselves with the people of God without the spiritual preparation would be nothing short of hypocrisy.

It would be of no avail to have the ordinance of baptism or the sacrament or anything else if you are not actually forsaken sinners, surrendered to Jesus Christ. Go through all the outward forms of religion without the Spirit would be only to incur the wrath of God. He seeketh such only to worship Him, who worship in Spirit and in truth.

A religion based on the outward aspects would be a flimsy thing indeed. But alas how many worship God with their lips when their hearts are far from Him!

A religion of foam and bubbles could never stand the test of this world, much less the great day of God's wrath.

The standard of God's Word is based deep on the rock of ages, and can stand any test. The storms may blow and the floods come, but it is not shaken, its foundation is laid deep. It goes unmoved through all the ordeals common to man.

God's standard is holiness. "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord forever." It is His standard as much now as ever.

You will have to be holy to be in His church. "The pure in heart see God." There is no standard lower than this acceptable to God. In anything short of this you could not feel at home in heaven, nor in full victory on earth.

Men think that we put the standard too high, but we've never yet gotten it higher than the Bible. Jesus said, "Many are called and few are chosen." It will be a sad time when the great host of empty professors are cast out into outer darkness.

There are people today professing everything under the sun that they ever heard anybody else profess, yet are not living the victorious life. If somebody don't succeed in getting this great host waked up they will land

with the foolish virgins "in that day."

God would have us filled with the Spirit and power, as overcomers, and not slothful professors with no life or power to do anything. Well might some sing

"Where is the blessedness I knew

When first I saw the Lord?"

It is gone. They may be among the church, but not of it. They had better put away those things that made the Spirit mourn and cry to him to return.

An army with banners! where is our armour, our beauty and power? Have we put on the beautiful garments of full salvation? Then let us show to the world the glory and blessedness of this heavenly treasure.

God's conquering hosts are the effective. They wear the armour, they come off victorious. They are able for any situation. Satan has nothing that can equal them. They go in the strength of their king, who has conquered death, hell and the grave. He is their portion, their all. In Him they win. An ideal church, composed of individuals washed from all sin in Jesus' blood, men and women who know and practice only the life of Jesus, how beautiful!

No spirit of worldly lust, covetousness or pride, no human ambitions that outride the spirit of the meek and lowly, no self-will to destroy the humility and steadiness of Christian service.

No backbiting and sharp, unkind untrue criticism to disturb the fellowship of brethren, and bring confusion. No seeking to undermine or hurt a brother no matter how weak or how he has blundered in the way.

No strife and ill will to those who may differ with you. No discrimination, partiality, self-seeking, putting a heavier or harder burden on others than we would bear. No jealousy or friction because one has a better or higher position than another, no wire pulling that we may have our way about things, no human enthusiasm or effort to make our testimony, song, prayer or sermon appear better than what it actually is.

A church where brotherly love continues. The meek and lowly spirit of the Christ pervades all. The self-denial spirit is manifest.

Conversations are so controlled by love that even the weakest get such consideration and kindness that they have the utmost confidence in all, for instead of unkind words which lead to confusion there is always an atmosphere of Christly love, considering one another to provoke to good works, bearing one another's burdens, and keeping the blood-stained banner ever flying in the breezes to point men to the Savior.

A spirit of unity always prevailing even when there was a difference of opinion on certain points. So much of the Christ pervading every heart that none would dare act selfish or self-willed in money matters or anything else, and even points on which there is a difference of opinion could be discussed freely with absolutely no unkind or uncharitable feeling. All of one mind, one object in view, the glory of God.

A church like this could pray unto God and He would hear them. The sick would be healed. The revival power would fall. Souls would be saved. Men would take knowledge of us that we had been with Jesus. No doubt many more signs and wonders would be manifested, and such a church would be ready to meet Jesus should He come.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God because I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise His name!

Brother J. A. Davis has been with us and held a few days meeting. He certainly gave out the Word; it was food to our souls. We truly hope he can come again soon.

God has wonderfully blessed His saints at this place. There are only a few of us. Brother Jim Nelson has stayed with us and has certainly been a help to the saints. We have services regularly.

I request the prayers of the saints that my father may be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for me that I shall ever abide in the center of God's will.

Your unworthy sister,  
May Bell Alexander.

## WATCH.

W. A. WALKER.

The majority of people are watching the other folks, but we should watch ourselves. Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things: that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

The first letter in the word "watch"—w—stands for ways. David said, "Commit thy way unto the Lord." We should watch our ways and be sure we commit them unto the Lord and please Him.

A stands for actions. We should act in a way that is pleasing to the Lord, for by His actions are weighed. (1 Sam. 2:3.)

T stands for thought. We should be careful of our thoughts and have a prayerful heart that we may know God's thought for us; for our thoughts are not His thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8,9.)

C stands for conversation. Some people engage in most any kind of conversation and at the same time claim to be following God. But they do not show much victory in their lives. "To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." (Psa. 50:23.) We should be an example to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Tim. 4:12.)

H stands for hospitality. Entertain strangers and give them a welcome. When Abraham was sitting in his tent door and saw three men, he ran to meet them. He gave them water to wash their feet; he brought them bread and bade them welcome to his place. When the daughters of Reuel were watering their flocks and Moses helped them and they failed to bring him home with them, Reuel at once inquired why they didn't bring him to eat bread.

I believe that if we would watch ourselves more closely the Lord would bless us more and He would be better pleased with us.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Brother:

We have just closed a six weeks meeting here which was one of the greatest I was ever in. Twenty-two received the Holy Ghost, some were reclaimed, some converted and sanctified. Among the number baptized there are nine little children. Praise God for the children! Fifteen were added to the church all of whom are filled with the Holy Ghost. There are still others to come in later.

The building was crowded all through the revival and many were under conviction that are still in the valley of decision.

I am still on the victory side shouting glory to the dear name of Jesus. Oh, how I love Him! The devil is mad but we are glad. The church is shouting, dancing,

talking and singing in tongues and the power is still falling. Pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,  
E. S. Peck.

Matthews, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. Bless His dear name!

We had a wonderful meeting last Sunday. One of the sisters sent a message that she could not be in the service because of the illness of her little daughter and asked prayer for the child's healing. We prayed, but at noon we heard the child was worse.

After the evening service some of the saints went to the home where we prayed and anointed the child with oil. The child was healed and its father was saved. The saints danced, talked in tongues, handled fire and were blessed in a general way. The glory of the Lord filled the house and we had a good time. Praise God!

Please pray for the little band here that we may be in God's will continually.

Your sister,  
Belle Arrington.

Oppy, Ky.

Dear Evangel:

We have just returned from Goodman, W. Va., where we have been in a victorious battle for God. Brother G. L. Smith had been there holding services a week when his voice almost gave way and he sent for help.

The meeting continued with good attendance and interest. There were some great victories and wonderful manifestations of the Spirit.

The leading people at that place were Methodist. Almost the entire church were converted and many were sanctified. You would have enjoyed seeing almost the whole Methodist Church dancing and shouting the praises of God. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Many of them are now having prayer-meeting every day in their homes seeking God for the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Toward the last of the meeting God sent Brother W. M. Crabtree to our aid.

There were many wonderful healings during the meeting. One deaf and dumb woman was blessedly saved and sanctified and the manifestations of the Spirit through her were wonderful. She received the most wonderful experience I ever saw. She gave up all for Jesus, thank God! This way is bitterly opposed by her people.

We do not know just how many were saved and sanctified, but there were several.

Brother Smith and the writer will go tomorrow (D. V.) ten miles in the country to begin a meeting where they know nothing about full salvation. We desire your prayers in behalf of those people.

Your brother in Christ,  
S. C. Luther

Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for saving me and sanctifying me. I want all of the saints to pray that I may be baptized with Holy Ghost. I also want to request the saints everywhere to pray a special prayer for the saints at Morristown that we may be made stronger in the Lord.

Your brother,  
Charles Graham.

Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for what He is doing in Oliver Springs. He has redeemed His people from the power of Satan. Praise God.

We praise the Lord for His saving power. He has saved some of the people and filled them with the Holy Ghost. The altar is full of earnest seekers.

Please pray for this people.  
Your sister,  
Mae Ledford.

## OBEDIENCE

W. D. BIGGS

God expects and will have from His children obedience in all things. The first command that God gave us was one of obedience. "And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."—Genesis 2:16, 17.

God has never given His children a command that He did not expect them to obey; we must obey if we desire blessings from Him. The more obedient we are to Him the more blessings He will bestow upon us. "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."—Leviticus 26:3, 4.

God cannot lie; He cannot nor will not break any of His precious promises; every promise He has made He will keep. But we must not only love Him, but obey His every command if we expect to receive the fulfillment of the promises He has made to us.

Strict obedience to God brings joy and happiness, creates within us the feeling that we have pleased our heavenly Father, gives us the knowledge that we have been true and loyal to our Captain, Jesus Christ, who is ever leading us from victory to victory and in the great battle of right against wrong we know we have the confidence of our God that we will be true to Him and obey all commands given us in the final onslaught against sin.

Disobedience brings grief and unhappiness, drives us away from our Savior and causes even the devils in hell to cry out in fiendish glee to know they have caused us to be untrue to the God who created us. When we disobey God He turns His face from us and we often wonder why our prayers are not answered. We should know that God will not hear and answer the prayers of disobedient children. What right have we to expect Him to keep us in perfect health, to give us our daily food, to keep us clothed, to keep us from all harm, if we disregard His commands? We cannot look for any blessings unless we do His will.

In every command that God has given we perceive His presence. Take for instance His command given to Joshua: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."—Joshua 1:9.

God's commands, though they may seem hard and look as if it is impossible to obey them, can always be carried out by the presence of our heavenly Father and by His infinite love and mercy. When God is with us, when His love abides in us, there is nothing that He wants us to do but that we can do.

How we ought to love to obey His commands! Can we ever repay Him for what He has done for us? Can we ever repay Him for paying the debt for us in dying on the cross that we might have eternal life? Let us at whatever the cost, obey His will.

Obedience to God is not only the duty of all true Christians but should be their greatest pleasure. God is better pleased by our obedience than by anything we can do for Him. "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."—1 Samuel 15:22. When we

obey the commands of our heavenly Father we please Him, and by pleasing Him we are brought nearer and closer to Him and therefore receive many blessings that we would otherwise lose.

Obedience to God proves our great love for Him, and love and obedience to our Master is abundant proof that we are accepted of Him and some day we will enter the portals of that beautiful city as a reward for our obedience, there to live in all eternity before the great white throne singing praises to our blessed Master.

Let us as Christian people and as members of the Church of God, obey every command of our blessed Redeemer. Let us realize that by implicit obedience we win more love and favor of God, that sinners will see in our lives an example for them, that our lives will be brighter and sweeter and happier because we have the blessed assurance that in that great day when Jesus comes we can meet Him with the knowledge that we have been obedient, true and loyal and will go up with Him to the home prepared for us.

Broken Arrow, Okla.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for victory over sin and the devil. How I praise God for His goodness to me and for His Holy Spirit whom He has sent into this world; He has found an abiding place in my heart. Now I am a bloodwashed child of the King. Praise God!

How I praise God for the plan of redemption! It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come unto Him and live. I am so glad He counted me worthy to be one of His redeemed few.

I am so glad that God gives us a real "know so" salvation wherein we find peace that passeth understanding. Glory to our Christ!

It has been about one year since the Lord found me a cold, miserable backslider. I had once known the joy of salvation but had wandered away from the fold and had gone off after the pleasures of this world seeking something to satisfy my hungry heart, but all failed to satisfy.

A little woman who had received the Holy Ghost, moved into our neighborhood; for some cause she seemed to like me. The Lord knew how to work to bring me back to Himself. Glory to His name!

They had an assembly at the little town of Broken Arrow; but I had got to the place where I didn't want to go to church. This little woman had an automobile and she would invite mother and me to go with her. So I began going just for the trip, as I thought.

At last the Lord began to deal with my heart. This little sister would keep coming over and she and mother would pray every time she came. It seemed that the Spirit would speak through her directly to me. My soul began to hunger and thirst. I went to church on Tuesday night and the Lord convicted me so deeply until I was glad to get relief. Then and there He washed me in His precious blood and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am still holding on to God.

Please pray for me that I shall ever be found faithful until Jesus comes or calls for me.

Your sister in Christ,  
Rosa Herd.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs

The title describes the contents of the book. This book contains information that, if read, will no doubt be a blessing to our people at this time. Single copy, post paid \$1.35.

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**Saint Thomas, V. Islands.**

To All the Dear Saints of the Evangel Family—Greetings:  
I am praising God for keeping me from sin during the past five years and five months. Praise His dear name! He has indeed done something more for me than tongue can express. I desire to be a worker for Him, for He has, since I have taken Him as mine, been very faithful to me on every line.

I am now seeking the Holy Ghost and fire. I am hungering and thirsting for Him. Praise His name!

I ask the dear saints everywhere to pray for me continually. These are days when we need to keep in close touch with one another.

With love to you all I close.  
Your brother under the blood,  
Charles Daily.

**Piedmont, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to God through our dear little paper. It always brings joy to my heart to read it.

I, too, can praise God for the same salvation that many others praise Him for. He has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and given me a determination to go all the way with Jesus. I want to get closer to God every day.

We have some good meetings here but we need an organist very much. If some one who can play well would like to come here for a change how glad we would be! If you can do mill work or would like to learn I will get you a job and promise you a good place to board with a family filled with the Holy Ghost and members of the Church of God. If any brother or sister is interested, write me.

A sister in Christ,  
Edna Ables.

**Broxton, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I lived a moral life until last December when the blessed Lord sent some of His children to this place. They put up a tent and began to preach the pure gospel and the Lord seemed to say to me: "This is your last chance." Thank God, I surrendered to Him, became willing for Him to use me any way and He wonderfully saved my soul and sanctified me. And on Jan. 29, He baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Thank God! I spoke in other tongues as in Acts 2:4.

I had chewed tobacco and used snuff for about thirty-five years, but when the Lord came into my life all such things left me; He freed me from it all. Praise His dear name!

Before I came to the Lord I weighed only 124 pounds, now I weigh 146 and am having good health except that I have been afflicted with sores for several years, and I desire your prayers that I may be perfectly healed of them.

I want to be true to the Lord.  
Your brother,  
A. J. Miller.

**Eldorado, Ill.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The quarantine is lifted again here at Eldorado. We are praising the Lord for liberty.

I stopped at West Frankfort and set the Church in order there. Twenty-one were added to the church. The Spirit of the Lord was present. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues.

Some of the Johnson City saints were there, also some from Logan, Ill.

We left Brother R. A. Fieldon there to continue the meeting.  
Your brother in Christ,  
D. P. Barnett.

**Sweetwater, Tenn.**

Dear Evangel Readers:

I just want to tell you that I have the Holy Ghost. I wrote to the paper last summer requesting you to pray for me until I should receive the Holy Ghost. I was in such distress I couldn't rest at times. I was so afraid my Savior would come and I would not be ready to go. But thank the Lord, I am ready now. The Evangel has helped me to get salvation. Glory to Jesus! I want you to please help me pray for my husband that he shall receive these blessed experiences. He is seeking salvation. I want to take my entire household with me to glory. I want to be strong in the Lord that I may be able to do something for Him.

Your sister,  
Emma Tennyson.

**Sobel, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to sound a note of praise to God through the Evangel for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me since He found me in a lost and ruined condition.

Nearly three years ago I began to attend a Holiness meeting at Sobel, Tenn., conducted by Brothers Geo. T. Brouayer and Perry Kimlin. I went several nights, was under the tent a few minutes then outside smoking and talking about the way the people believed.

While I was doing this I had a very peculiar feeling upon me but at the time I did not realize what it was.

The more I went to the meeting the straighter the Word was given out. At last I decided to take my Bible and search the Scriptures and condemn what they were preaching. I had belonged to the Methodist Church for eight years and couldn't see but that I was as good as anyone else.

So I began to search the Word of God. Thinking I had found a verse here and there that condemned the people I marked them with my pencil that I might refer to them at a glance.

For more than ten days this continued, then I began to talk to God about it; and on the night of Sept. 15, 1915. I found myself crying out to God to save a poor lost hypocrite.

After a few minutes of earnest prayer to God He wonderfully saved me and such a time of rejoicing I never had in my life. Later He sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost according to His Word.

I praise the Lord for the blood that flowed from Calvary's brow; I want to honor it more every day. I can never render the honor due His name for all honor, glory and praise belongs to Him.

I love to trust Jesus for both soul and body. I find Him a present helper in sickness and in health. I mean to trust Him even to the end. By His grace we shall overcome.

Saints, let us love one another out of a pure heart fervently. Let us pray more and work more and be loyal to His cause.

These are days when all things that are written must be fulfilled. Surely the day of the Lord draweth nigh. Let us endure a few more days and then we shall have the privilege of being ushered in to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Praise His holy name!

I desire an interest in your prayers that I shall stay in God's will and be used for His glory.  
Your unworthy brother,  
John Hamilton.

**Report of District Convention.**

On March 22-25 we were privileged to hold a district meeting at the Church of God at Brock-dell, Tenn. From the very beginning God was with us which made the meeting a success.

On Friday night we preached

to the people on the subject: "The Christian's walk and conduct." By the help of the Lord we tried our best to make it very plain to all present that our actions and our walk in general talk very loudly.

Saturday night was spent in giving instructions on government, tithing, etc.

On Sunday morning we preached to a house full of attentive hearers on the subject of water baptism, after which seven were baptized.

At night we observed the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet. Before the meeting closed eleven connected themselves with the Church of God.

The church is in splendid condition; this is largely due to a good and wise shepherd.

Those people desire your prayers.

E. J. Boehmer,  
District Pastor.

**Rome, Ga.**

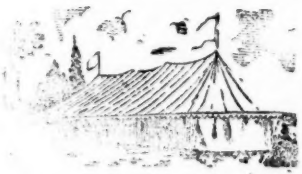
To The Family of God—Greetings:

Truly, tonight finds me with joy shed abroad in my heart by the power of the Holy Ghost. I am shouting the victory over sin. God has anointed me with the oil of gladness and has put His Spirit within me which quickens my mortal body.

This joy no man can take from me because I am in God's hands and the devil hath not power to pluck me out. By faith I stand on God's promises. I am standing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made me free. Hallelujah! We have found the old paths and are walking in them.

I am the only one in this school who is in this way, but thank God I am not giving up because of opposition. I mean to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I will be true to God, live the life and stand for the Bible doctrines.

Your little brother,  
George Haney.



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W. W. Rush.

**Letter From Brother Ryder, Missionary to South America.**

Dear Saints—Greeting to you All in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for this opportunity to say a word for Jesus from this dark country. By the merits of Jesus I am still saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

From the time God separated us from among you to bring us to this place we have felt your prayers holding us up.

We praise God for the privilege of being in the body of Christ—the church. During the convention of the last Assembly I could feel the current of the Spirit this far away. Hallelujah! The six thousand miles between here and there did not hinder the flow of the Spirit.

I praise God for the Evangel that brings us the news of the workings of the precious Holy Ghost and the Church of God.

We are working hard to get this great gospel light to these people. I am not able to preach in their language yet, but I am teaching a class in Sunday-school, and with the assistance of an interpreter I am able to preach a few times a week.

There are several people here seeking the experiences. Some of them have been saved and sanctified, but none have received the Holy Ghost, although the power has been falling.

God has met with us in praying for the sick people. We visited a sick lady a few weeks ago and prayed for her. She had the rheumatism and was unable to walk. She had been attending the services and had heard the gospel preached so we asked her to give herself to Jesus and accept Him as her Savior. As we prayed for her, God met with us and raised her up and saved her. She dressed herself and walked around in the house praising God. For all of this we give God the glory.

God is doing His part in giving the gospel to these people. Please pray for us that we may do our part.

There are several little bands of believers scattered through this country who are praying for God to send them some one to teach them more of the Word of God. We are praying for God to send out more laborers into this white harvest field and we ask that you join us in this prayer.

May God bless all who are giving of their means to support us while we labor in this very needy country. You will never know how much good you are doing by giving to this worthy cause until we meet at Jesus' feet and see a multitude of these precious people who have been snatched from the awful power of sin and darkness by the precious blood of Jesus.

Since this is a Catholic government the people are exceedingly wicked and very few know of Jesus as our Savior.

We should be glad to receive personal letters from the saints.

Your brother,  
F. L. Ryder.  
25 De Mayo, F. O. S.  
Care of Mission Evangelica  
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**Gone Home.**

On March 11, 1918 the angels claimed the spirit of my dear mother, Mrs. E. P. Woolfolk of Holcomb, Miss., and carried her home to Jesus. She had suffered so long and with so much patience that the Lord said, "It is enough." She was faithful unto death and it was thought that she spoke in tongues while dying. Even in the face of death she looked down at her daughter who was praying by her bedside and smiled.

A husband and seven children are left to mourn her loss.

Oh! it is so hard to give her up, but it is sweet to know that over yonder there will be no more pain, no sorrow nor tears.

Her daughter,

**THE BRIDE.**

She's coming from the wilderness,  
She's fairer than the morning;  
She's bringing truth and righteousness,  
Oh, Shulamite's returning.

**REFRAIN**

Return, return, O Shulamite!  
Return in all thy power and might  
And change our darkness into light.  
Return, return, O Shulamite!

She's fairer than the noonday sun;  
She's robed in grace and glory;  
Oh, bride of Christ, the Father's Son,  
We honor and adore thee!

Oh, Shulamite, the bride of Christ,  
Put on thy wedding garments;  
For soon we'll hear the midnight cry—  
Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The above lines were given me early one morning; I arose and wrote them before breakfast.

I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and for the gospel light. Praise His name! I am so glad I was permitted to live to hear the Bible preached and saw the Church of God of which I am a member.

I desire the earnest prayers of all the children of God that I may be a true member and live worthy of the name.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Walter Poe.

P. S. Our Brother Winsett may write the music for the song if the Lord leads.

**Notomine, W. Va.**

Dear Saints:

I am praising God for the blessed Comforter which abides in my soul. I am saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and have the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Praise His dear name!

My membership is in the Church of God at Colcord, W. Va. There is no church here but I have organized a Sunday-school. I trust the Lord will send some helpers here. I expect Brother and Sister Middlebrook Saturday. Brother Lucas comes every third Sunday and he is on fire for God.

Let us pray for one another and be ready for His coming with our lamps trimmed and burning and our vessels filled with oil.

Your sister,  
Rosa Jarrell.

**Lost Creek, W. Va.**

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

I certainly enjoy reading the good things contained in the Evangel. I hear some say they doubt the truthfulness of some of the testimonies but I am one that believes every word that is printed in this good paper.

I am not a Christian, but by the help of the Lord and the prayers of the Christian people I expect to be some time.

I must say I am living in a country that is next to heathendom. We have a few so-called Christians but sometimes I think they do not think of God more than once a week. I have talked with some of them concerning holiness and they say there is nobody that does not sin more or less every day.

I ask all the Christians who read this to pray for me and my family that we may become Christians and be able to do something for the cause of Christ before it is too late.

Effie M. Drake.

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